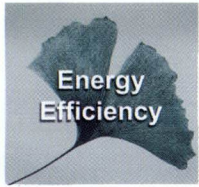
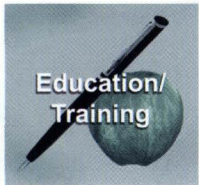




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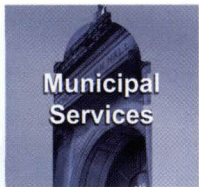
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Building Inspections



Plan Reviews

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BUILDING CODE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC BULLETIN FOR ELECTRIC SIGNS



The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Codes were adopted on January 1, 2007. Part of those codes is the 2005 National Electric Code (NEC) as published by the National Fire Protection Association. In order to meet compliance with these codes, all electric signs installed in the parish will now have to comply with Article 600 of the NEC.

Article 600.1 states, that all installations and equipment used to construct signs as described in Article 600 are covered by this article.

Article 600.3 states that all electric signs, fixed, mobile or permanent, shall be listed and installed according to the listing instructions, unless special permission is otherwise approved by the Building Official.



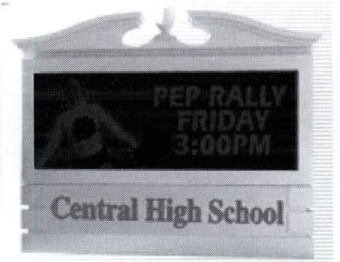
The remainder of Article 600 discusses the actual construction of the signs which is monitored by the listing agency on a regular basis. These construction details are not designed for the Building Official to use as a "inspection guide". This is to be done by the Listing agency.

Effective January 1, 2009, all signs installed in Red River Parish will require permits for installation of all signs. Also, all signs installed are required to be listed by a National Recognized Testing Laboratory.

Should you have any questions concerning this, please call Louisiana IBTS, whom is the Building Official for Bossier Parish at 318-747-2454 or email us at laibts.info@ibts.org

WHAT'S REQUIRED

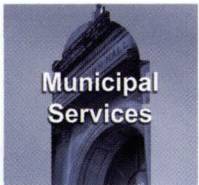
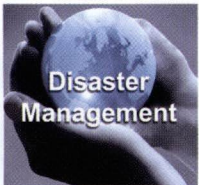
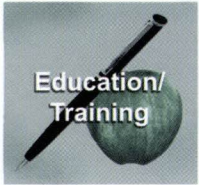
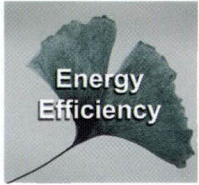
- 1) Come to the Red River Permit Office to obtain your Electric Sign Permit.
- 2) You must notify the Inspection Office the day the sign will be installed and an Electrical Inspector will conduct the required inspection and verify the listed sign is being installed according to the NEC and the manufacturer's installation instructions.



BUILDING CODE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Inspection Requests Please call the Building Code Department at 318-747-2454 or email us at laibts.inspections@ibts.org at least 24 hrs in advance to schedule a sign inspection.

QUESTIONS: Call 318-747-2454 for help.



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BUILDING CODE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC BULLETIN EXEMPT STRUCTURES



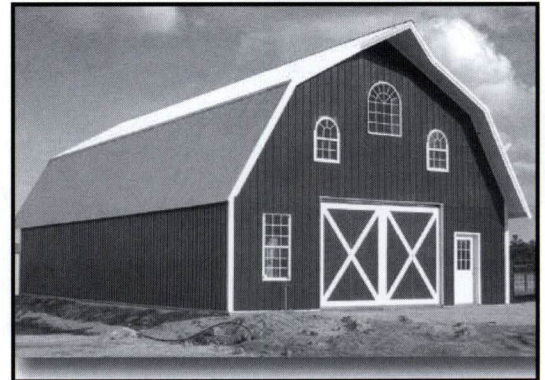
The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Codes (UCC) rules and regulations allow the exemption of farm structures and recreational structures from meeting compliance.

DEFINITIONS:

Farm Structure: a structure which is constructed on a farm, other than a residence or a structure attached to it, for use on the farm including but not limited to barns, sheds and poultry houses, but not public livestock areas. This does not include a structure originally qualifying as a "farm structure" but later converted to another use.

Recreational Structure: a private outdoor recreational structure, other than a residence or structure attached to a residence, such as a hunting or fishing camp.

These structures are not required to comply with the UCC. However, they can have plans reviewed and be inspected for purposes of obtaining financing and insurance so that the structure might be sold at a later date.



AFFIDAVIT

Provided that you desire the farm/recreational structure to be exempted from meeting the UCC, and plan reviews and inspections will not be provided, therefore possibly limiting the ability to obtain financing and insurance, an Exemption Affidavit will need to be completed. Steps for completion:



- 1) Fill out and complete the Affidavit of Exemption
- 2) Have it Notarized and sealed
- 3) File a copy of the affidavit into the parish conveyance records
- 4) Provide a copy of the filed affidavit to the building official

BUILDING CODE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Plan Reviews - The approved construction plans and plan review letter must be provided with the Permit Application and left at the Permit Office.

Inspection Reports - Once an inspection is complete, please forward the completed report to:

Building Code Department Fax: 318-747-0218 or via email: laibts.inspections@ibts.org Phone: 318-747-2454

AFFIDAVIT OF EXEMPTION TO ACT 12 REQUIREMENTS

PARISH OF _____

STATE OF LOUISIANA

AFFIDAVIT

BEFORE ME, undersigned notary, came and appeared:

Name (Affiant)

Who did depose and swear the following:

Affiant is the owner of record for the following property/structure:

Affiant understands that Act 12 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session (La. R.S. 1730.21 et seq.) mandates that, after January 1, 2007, any construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair of buildings and other structures, and the installation of mechanical devices and equipment therein be in compliance with the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code.

Affiant further understands that pursuant to La. R.S. 1730.30, certain farm structures and private outdoor recreational structures (including hunting and fishing camps) are exempt from regulation by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code.

Affiant attests that the above referenced property, which is subject to the building permit he/she is applying for, qualifies as an exemption under state law and is not subject to regulation by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code.

Affiant further attests that the subject property is not a primary place of residence.

Affiant agrees that the subject property will not be leased or rented for any other purpose other than one qualifying the property as an exemption to Act 12.

Affiant acknowledges that should the subject property be converted to any use other than an exempted use, that the property/structure may be subject to regulation by and compliance with the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code.

Affiant acknowledges that he must file a copy of this affidavit into the parish conveyance records and provide proof of filing to the building official before a permit is issued.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED, before undersigned Notary, on the _____ day of _____,
2_____.

Witness

Affiant

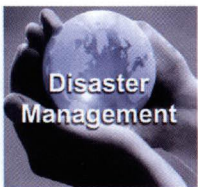
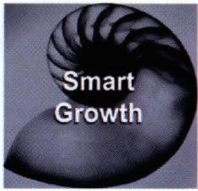
Witness

Notary Public

Printed Name _____

Commission Expires _____

Notary Number _____



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BUILDING CODE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC BULLETIN FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS



This informational sheet is being provided to cover the minimum needed information to apply for a Permit to build a structure in Red River Parish. While each structure is unique, these minimum requirements are not meant to be all inclusive as the Permit Technician can require additional information as needed to verify the intended structure will meet the minimum requirements of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Codes (LSUCC).

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A PERMIT?

A representative for the homeowner, the design professional, or contractor representative must apply in person for a building permit. By calling (318) 932-5719 or (318)932-5970, permit application forms may be mailed to the applicant. Customers seeking information in person before applying for a permit may come to the Permit Desk at 615 E Carrol St., Coushatta LA

WHAT IS THE PLAN REVIEW PROCESS?

Building plans are reviewed by the Institute of Building Technology and Safety (IBTS) and other departments as necessary. The applicant is required to provide plans that meet the code. Plan review staff might catch a "problem" but it is the applicant's responsibility to resolve the issue. Although not required, some people hire a design professional to provide a complete code complying set of plans.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

Review times vary depending on the complexity of the project and the number of agencies the project has to go through. However, for the typical residential home, plan reviews are complete with 5 business days, for commercial projects, depending upon complexity, may take up to 10 days. Upon completion of the review and the approval by IBTS, the applicant is advised that the permit is ready for pick-up. If additional information is needed, an IBTS Plan Reviewer will contact you directly.

ARE THERE ANY TIME LIMITS ON THE PERMIT?

Permits are valid from the day of issuance, Work must begin within 180 days. If work stops for longer than 180 days, a new permit must be requested. Extensions are allowed and may require a fee.

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A PERMIT?

- 1) A valid address from the local 911 office
- 2) Completed Permit Application
- 3) Two (2) sets of plans for review
 - if a commercial project, the Fire Marshall's review must be complete.
- 4) Health Department Permit/Certificate
- 5) Payment of Permit Fees
- 6) Once the permit is issued, post the permit & approved plans at job-site

BUILDING CODE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Red River Parish Permit Department
615 E Carrol St.. Coushatta, La.
Phone:(318) 932-5719 or (318) 932-5970

Louisiana IBTS
707 Benton Rd. Suite 100
Bossier City, LA 71111
Phone: (318) 747-2454 Fax: (318)747-0218

PLUMBING CODE REFERENCES

MANUFACTURED HOMES require an additional P-Trap and Vent as per the 2000 Louisiana State Plumbing Code.

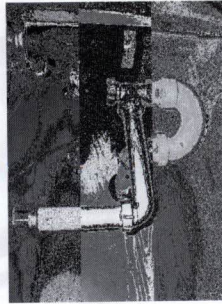
OTHER SITES:

Air test or water test as called out in section 311.2 of the Louisiana State Plumbing Code are required on the Drainage and Vent systems.

The Water Supply System shall be tested at a minimum of 200 psi and must not leak.

Pipes must be protected with a 1/16" steel plate when the pipe passes within 1 1/2" of the face of the wooden joists, rafter or stud. Section 304.7.

When the joist, rafter or stud is cut, notched or bored for passage of a pipe, first they must be left in a safe structural condition as called for in the building code.



CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

Upon satisfaction of all inspection and plan review comments, a certificate of occupancy is issued. This is a legal document.

Who needs a Certificate of Occupancy(C of O)?

1. Permits department (code requirement)
2. Some insurance industries
3. Some Financial institutions

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

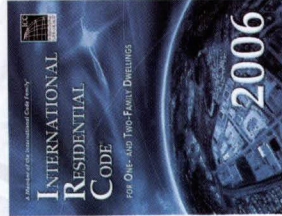
The information provided in this brochure is generic in nature and reflects many variables in construction. This information is provided to serve as a guide. Any public educational documents, such as this brochure, does not take the place or replace the actual construction codes provided for by state law.

Should you have any questions on code issues, IBTS is here to assist and partner with you in building a stronger, smarter and safer structure, please call us, Monday through Friday, at 318-747-2454.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES

Effective January 1, 2007, the LSUCCC adopted the following codes:

- 2006 International Building Code (ICC IBC)
- 2006 International Residential Code (ICC IRC)
- 2006 International Fuel Gas Code (ICC IFGC)
- 2006 International Mechanical Code (ICC IMC)
- 2006 International Existing Building Code (ICC IEC)
- 2005 National Electrical Code (NFPA 70)



Information in this brochure is a guide only, and not meant to replace actual code requirements. Should you have questions, please call 318-747-2454.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Red River Parish Permit Dept.
2015 Red Oak Rd.
Coushatta, LA
Phone: 318-932-5719 or 318-932-9570

Red River Parish 911 Office
615 E. Carrol St.
Coushatta, LA
Phone: 318-932-4354

Red River Parish Health Unit
2015 Red Oak Rd.
Coushatta, LA
Phone: 318-932-4087 or 318-932-9570

Louisiana IBTS
707 Benton Rd, Suite 100
Bossier City, LA 71111
Phone: 318-747-2454
Fax: 318-747-0218



RED RIVER PARISH BUILDING CODE BROCHURE

PLAN REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

1. Site Plan/plot plan
2. Foundation/Footings layout
3. Floor Plan drawn to scale-showing rooms
4. Elevations/Views
5. Framing Notes
6. Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Notes
7. Wall Bracing Details

INSPECTION TYPES

1. Temporary Pole
2. Underground Plumbing and Electrical-prior to concealing
3. Footings and Foundations
4. Rough-Framing, Rough-Mechanical, Rough-Electrical and Rough-Plumbing
5. Insulations Inspection
6. Exterior Sheathing
7. Final Inspection

PERMIT PROCESS

1. 911 Addressing
2. Health Unit
3. Floodplain check
4. Plan review
5. Permit issuance
6. Inspection
7. Issue Certificate of Occupancy

To call for an inspection:
318-747-2454

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BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS

- Anchor bolts—1/2" bolts @ 6' o.c. (varies) with 3x3x0.25 washers.
- IRC R303 Min 8% of the floor area to be glazed. 4% operable.
- Minimum room areas: one 120SF and min 70SF for other rooms. IRC R304
- Minimum 7 feet ceiling height. Bathroom shall have min 6'8" ceiling height. IRC R 305
- Tempered glazing required e.g. in bathrooms, storm doors, untramed swinging doors etc. IRC R308.4.
- 20 minute rated garage door/dwelling
- 1/2" sheetrock on garage/dwelling separation IRC R 309. 5/8" required on floor ceiling assembly where a habitable space is above garage.
- Minimum 3 feet hall-ways-IRC R 311.3
- Only one 3 foot wide exit door required. IRC R311.4
- Minimum 3 feet landing required. R 311.4.3.
- Minimum 3 feet wide stairs, 7 3/4", max risers, 10" treads
- Landing at top and bottom of every stair
- 34 to 38" high handrails. Required with 4 or more risers.
- 1:12 slope max for ramps with 3'x3' landings.
- Interconnected, hardwired smoke alarms in each bedroom and outside each separate bedroom area, in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
- A garage shall not open directly into a room used for sleeping purposes
- A minimum headroom clearance for stairways of not less than 6 feet, 8 inches shall be provided.
- An attic access opening shall be provided to attic areas that exceed 30 square feet and have a vertical height of 30 inches or greater. The rough-framed opening shall not be less than 22 inches by 30 inches and shall be located.



ELECTRICAL CODE REFERENCES

All branch circuits that supply 125-volt, single phase, 15- and 20 ampere outlets installed in the bedrooms shall be protected by an arc-fault circuit interrupter listed to provide protection of the entire branch circuit. Article 210.12

At least one 20-ampere branch circuit shall be provided to supply bathroom receptacle outlet(s). Such circuits shall have no other outlets. Article 210.11(C) 3.

Ground-fault current protection (GFCI) is required for all bathroom electrical outlets, all exterior electrical outlets, all garage and unfinished basement electrical outlets, mechanical and storage rooms, all kitchen counter top electrical outlets and all outlets located within 6 feet of sinks. Articles 210-8a, 680-41, and 680-70.

GFCI protection is also required for the electrical equipment in hydro-massage or whirlpool-type tubs. Articles 210.8a, 680.41, and 680.70. A removable panel must be provided for access to the pump equipment of whirlpool-type bathtubs.

At least one wall-switch-controlled light fixture or outlet must be installed in every habitable room, bathroom, stairway, attached garage, and outside entrance. Article 210.70

Switches may not be installed within wet locations (tub or shower areas) unless they are part of a listed assembly. Article 404.4, NEC.

A minimum of one exterior grade-accessible electrical outlet must be provided at the front and rear of the structure, and they must be weatherproof and GFCI rated. Articles 210.52a and 406.8(B)1.

Receptacle outlets must be installed in habitable rooms so that no point along the floor line in any wall space 2' or more in length is more than 6', measured horizontally, from an outlet. Article 210.52a, NEC.

Electrical materials, components, devices, fixtures and equipment shall be listed for the application being used in, and shall have a label from the Listing agency, and shall be used/installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Article 110.3.



In kitchens and dining areas electrical receptacles must be installed at each counter space wider than 12" so that no point along the wall line is more than 24" from an outlet. Island & peninsula counter tops 12" or wider must have at least one receptacle. Article 210.52.

A minimum of one electrical outlet must be provided in each basement, attached garage, and in each detached garage provided with power. Article 210.52g.

Hallways 10' or more in length must be supplied with at least one electrical outlet. Article 210.52h.

All 120V, 15A and 20A circuits supplying outlets in bedrooms shall be protected by a Listed AFCI. Article 210.12(B).

Lighting in closets shall comply to Article 410.8.

FLOOD PLAIN REQUIREMENTS

- All Mechanical and electrical systems to be elevated above Base Flood Elevation (BFE).
- No living areas below BFE.
- Materials below BFE shall be flood resistant.
- Lowest floor must be elevated to or above BFE.
- Enclosed areas below BFE may be used for storage or garage.
- Enclosed areas below BFE shall be provided with Flood vents.

ENERGY CODE REFERENCES

Louisiana is famous for it's humid, hot summer days. Having your structure built to energy codes is not only safe in protecting against mold and mildew, it is also a cost savings code that will save you money in the long run.

Minimum insulation R-Values are:

- Walls R-13
- Ceilings R-30
- Floors R-19
- Residential HVAC Duct R-6



While these are the minimums, it is encouraged that higher R-Values can provide for more efficient heating and cooling.

For optimum energy efficiency design, please consult a design professional.